

**District III Advisory Board Minutes**  
September 3, 2003  
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**7:00 p.m.**

**Colvin Neighborhood City Hall**  
**2820 S. Roosevelt**

The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Colvin Neighborhood City Hall at 2820 S. Roosevelt. In attendance was the District III City Council member and nine (9) District Advisory Board members. Twelve (12) City staff were present and approximately nineteen (19) members of the public who signed in.

**Members Present**

Matt Foley  
Phyllis Hall  
Charlotte Foster  
Laura Simpson  
Jim Gulick  
Bill Ward  
Judy Dillard  
John Kemp  
Joann Hartig  
Council member Phil Lambke

**Members Absent**

Phil Bloomquist

**Staff Present**

Vicki Mork  
John Schlagel  
Scott Knebel  
Jim Armour  
Capt. Gary Tabor  
Lt. Jeffrey Easter  
Sgt. Allen Wolf  
Sgt. Bobby Wiley  
Officer Long Nguyen  
Officer Shannon Tucker  
Officer Bruce Watts  
Officer Virgil Miller

**Guests**

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order**

**Council Member Lambke** called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for August 6, 2003 were approved. Motion made by Ward (Kemp) passed 8-0.

**Action: Received and filed.**

### **Public Agenda**

#### **1. Sedgwick Health Department**

**Deb Koepplinger** gave updates regarding immunizations and health screening. She explained that they held an immunization clinic on August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Colvin Health Station but only 3 clients were seen at the Colvin Health Station. They will hold a flu shot clinic on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Colvin Health Station from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Flu shot prices will vary depending on age, 9 years and older will be \$15.00 while the charge for 6 months of age through 8 years will be \$10.00. The cost will be covered for those on Medicare/Medicaid. Final approval on the consolidation of the three health stations is being sought from the County Commissioner at their meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>. No date for moving has been set.

**Recommended Action: Receive and file.**

#### **2. No off agenda items scheduled**

### **Staff Presentation**

#### **3. Police Report**

**Captain Gary Tabor** reports there was bureau realignment effective the end of August 2003. The goal was to even out the call loads between all four Patrols. He said there wasn't any service disruption. This change will also emphasize the officer's dedication and commitment to community involvement.

**Officer Long Nguyen** reports that the Planeview Activity Camp for Kids (PACK) program has ended and once again seemed to have an impact on juvenile crime statistics for this neighborhood. This past Friday, Animal Control and Police Officer had a successful dog round up in Planeview. Next Monday he will join forces with Environmental Health to impound abandoned, junk and inoperable vehicles on easements and private property.

**Bill Ward** commended Officer Jeff Coster for his part in the 3-7 age burglars.

**Sgt. Allen Wolf** introduced himself as a 23-year veteran in the Police Force and the recently appointed Community Policing and SRO supervisor.

**Officer Virgil Miller** reported a quiet time on his beat. He said he went to many National Nite Out parties and there was high citizen participation this year. **Lt. Easter** said the citizens would be seeing more community involvement by community police officers and beat teams with the weather is changing.

**Recommended Action: Receive and file.**

#### **4. Planning Department**

**John Schlager** the new MAPD department head from Las Vegas, Nevada appeared before the DAB and introduced himself offering to answer questions. **Dillard** said most neighborhoods feel the legal requirement for notification of neighbors in planning cases does not extend far enough. **Hartig** commented that drainage problems existed all over the city.

#### **5. CUP2003-00039**

**Scott Knebel, MAPD** – presented a request for an amendment to DP-183 of the Davis-Moore Community Unit Plan (CUP) to increase the size of the CUP by including additional property. He said it was a fairly straightforward request and the area is already designated as a car dealership area. **Foster** said it was in her neighborhood and the Fabrique Neighborhood Association had no problem with granting it.

**Recommended Action: Foley (Ward) moved to approve the CUP amendment. Passed unanimously (9-0).**

#### **6. Public Works**

**Jim Armour** said that back in April the DAB III approved Option 1 for the Pawnee Improvement CIP project which will widen Pawnee from Washington to Hydraulic. The improvement of the intersection of Pawnee and Washington is funded separately and had a separate design phase. Tonight two proposed versions of the intersection will be presented for DAB III review and selection. Even though the projects are funded separately they will be carried out together as one project.

**Gene Rath, Mid Kansas Engineering Consultants** said that the proposed improvements to the rail crossing on Pawnee has hit a funding snag and may not continue at the same pace. Gene reviewed the options for the improvement. The total cost of both projects in about \$4.2 million and construction is scheduled for 2004.

Option 1 is to shift road to the north and take 11 houses, which is estimated to cost 2.6 million. Pawnee and Washington intersection is designed by Municipal Engineering but moved in mid project so Mid-Kansas has taken over the project. The three- lane option provides better alignment. The plan calls for removal of two houses on the southwest side of Pawnee and Washington. Residential property is cheaper to acquire than the commercial properties on the southeast corner. A 15-foot wide strip of property is to be purchased from Washington to Ida along with one commercial building. The projected three- lane road north of Pawnee is deemed adequate for anticipated volume of traffic.

**Foley** asked about comparable traffic counts and was assured they were consistent. **Gulick** asked if left turns would be light controlled. **Rath** said they would be on both Washington and Pawnee and he reminded them that lights can always be adjusted. **Sheffield** said there was heavy traffic on Mosley already and he expected it to increase as fall out from Pawnee congestion. He is still in favor of a cul-de-sac at Mosley south of Pawnee.

The length of time for construction is dependent upon recommendation of DAB III. The intersection recommendation can be made now and CM Lambke can get the project on the City Council agenda in a month or so. Planning for relocation of the utilities can begin which will take about a year so all in all 5 years until construction is completed.

**Ward** asked how far north before Washington would narrow. Armour says it will the fifth house north estimated to be about 400 feet. Ward said he approved the 3-lane version for Washington Street both north and south of Pawnee. **Armour** said the 4-lane option is more disruptive to neighborhood. An audience member expressed concerned about through traffic on Washington being constricted to one lane but Rath defended the plan saying it may be more inconvenient but traffic counts indicate it's not a very busy intersection. Audience member, **Sheffield** asked if parking would be eliminated on Washington and was informed it would be for about 400-500 feet both north and south.

**Tim Kice**, Kice Industries 2040 S. Mead said this project has been in progress for quite a while already. He has spent lots of time and money on the possible relocation of his company as it is directly impacted by the proposed changes to the rail crossing on Pawnee. But now after expending all of his time, energy and expense he recently received a letter from City Property manager, John Philbrick that the project has been delayed indefinitely.

**Kice** continued saying that the Union Pacific gave Wichita \$25 million towards this project. The Pawnee tracks have the worst congestion in town. When Union Pacific made the financial settlement with the city for the grade realignments in the central core and at this location in return they can send as many trains through the city as they want. These are coal trains and can be 1-11/2 miles long. The congestion will become worse when the Wal-Mart superstore at Pawnee and Broadway opens. If the railroad crossing doesn't happen or is delayed for a long time it is going to hurt their business a lot.

**CM Lambke** says he had not heard the project is on hold or delayed. Mr. Kice asked for his help. Current project will end on east side of Mosley and west side of Mosley is where the RR project will begin. **CM Lambke** asked Armour about the RR project, he deferred to Steve Lackey or Carl Gipson.

**Recommended Action: Foley (Dillard) and Bill Ward move to approve the 3 lane north of Pawnee option. Motion passed unanimous. (9-0)**

### Board Agenda

#### **7. Updates, Issues and Reports**

**Council Member Lambke** said the city is meeting with cell tower operators to prequalify them for possible towers on city property, which has potential revenue for the City. The City is also talking to school board regarding the SRO's.

**John Kemp** will be one of CM Lambke's diversity appointee on the task force investigating racism in City Hall. Their findings are due December 1<sup>st</sup> and they will have access to review city records on contract awards. **Lambke** explained the city's process required that the company be a certified bidder and past performance can affect selection. The Council will review expense accounts and credit card bills.

**Charlotte** reported on the Wichita Independent Neighborhood Association board meeting and asked Neighborhood Associations to belong to it. Their meeting will be on September 11<sup>th</sup> at the United Way Building.

**Dillard** said Herman Garcia had been in court again. The Hydraulic widening is finished and there are changes in the layout of the road. This means drivers need to be educated. The bid is coming up in late November or December for the rest of Hydraulic project from 47<sup>th</sup> Street S. to 57<sup>th</sup> Street S.

**Joann** says prostitutes are out on South Broadway. They have also had graffiti problems and interruption of mail service due to problems with dogs running loose. Garden Report-

**Phyllis Hall** reported on the dog round up in Planeview and the drug house that was busted. They too have been having problems with mail delivery in the area. Rob Snyder has new houses up for sale.

**Simpson** said E. Mt. Vernon Neighborhood Association will have election of officers in October. They are applying for grants to paint house numbers on curbs and to purchase Neighborhood Watch signs.

**Kemp** reported on the formation of a security PACK for K-15 Neighborhood Association. Five members of association would serve in this capacity and members can request they watch their house while out of town on vacation etc. They are to be bonded and are working with Lt. Easter.

**Gulick** reported Grandview Heights Neighborhood Association is pretty quiet. They are planning an ice cream social for the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Bill Ward** said Meadlark Neighborhood Association is concerned about an abandoned property and out of the way hiding place on Reed Street. Larry Henry with Public Works will be at their next meeting on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Foley** is raising \$1,500 for bike patrols in Hilltop.

**Recommended Action: Address each item as appropriate.**

## **8. Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting for District Advisory Board III will be October 1, 2003 at Colvin Neighborhood City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

## **No Action Required**

## **Adjournment Motion to adjourn made by Simpson (Gulick)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Mork, Neighborhood Assistant  
District III

## **Visitors**

Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Dodhill	2348 Lulu
Stella Faires & Jim Keen	2348 S. Ellis
Sylvia Bishop	2448 S. Washington
Don & Carolyn Brand	9801 Binter Lane
John P.	2345 S. Greenwood
Lisa Dean	2351 S. Victoria
Carole Campbell	2821 S. Mosley
Lisa Wold	2820 S. Mosley
Lonny Wright	2320 Alameda
Officer Long Nguyen	WPD
Sgt. Bruce Watts	WPD
Sgt. Bobby Wiley	WPD
Officer Shannon Tucker	WPD
Capt. Gary Tabor	WPD
Lt. Jeffrey Easter	WPD
Sgt. Allen Wolf	WPD
James Skelton	5903 E. Skinner
Tim Kice	2040 S. Mead
Virgil Miller	WPD
James Cooper	2355 Laura
Jim & Trish Foraker	1105 E. Pawnee
Jesse Sheffield	2526 S. Mosely
Elena Ingle	3608 Meadowlane
John Schlagel	City of Wichita
Scott Knebel	City of Wichita
Jim Armour	City of Wichita